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1. SCIATT HAD LENGTHY SESSION WITH VAKHRUSHEV AND COUNSELOR RAZUMOV (BOTH IN SECRETARIAT OF USSR UNESCO COMMISSION) TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF UPCOMING VACANCIES ON IOC. IN HIS USUAL STYLE, VAKHRUSHEV GAVE DISJOINTED, REPETITIVE, RAMBLING , AND OCCASIONALLY CONTRADICTORY PRESENTATION. RAZUMOV WAS NOTE- TAKER AND DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO CONVERSATION EXCEPT FOR PERIODIC NODS OF AGREEMENT WITH STATEMENTS MADE BY VAKHRUSHEV. MAIN POINTS MADE BY VAKHRUSHEV ARE AS FOLLOWS.

2. DURING HIS MARCH 18-31, 1973 VISIT TO PARIS, VAKHRUSHEV WAS ABLE TO TALK AT LENGTH WITH IOC SECRETARY SCOTT ON IOC MATTERS. SCOTT MADE " VERY GOOD IMPRESSION" ON VAKHRUSHEV. VAKHRUSHEV OUTLINED TO SCOTT GENERAL CONTENT OF HIS CON- VERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MCKERNAN (REFERENCED MEMCON), BUT DID NOT INFORM SCOTT OF MARE CONFIDENTIAL ASPECTS OF THAT CONVERSATION.

3. ON DEPUTY SECRETARY GIERMANN: VAKHRUSHEV TOLD SCOTT THAT THERE WAS " GENERAL FEELING" OF DISSATISFACTION WITH PERFOR- MANCE OF GIERMANN. SCOTT WAS REPORTEDLY NON- COMMITTAL ABOUT
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HIS PERSONAL VIEW ON THIS POINT, BUT ADMITTED THAT HE HAD ALSO HEARD SUCH RUMORS. (WHEN VAKHRUSHEV FIRST TOUCHED UPON GIERMANN ISSUE WITH SCIATT, HE CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT REVEAL TO SCOTT AMBASSADOR MCKERNAN' S OPINION OF GIERMANN. ABOUT HOUR LATER, ON SAME SUBJECT, VAKHRUSHEV SAID HE TOLD SCOTT THAT MCKERNAN FELT GIERMANN WAS " PERFORMING BADLY.")

VAKHRUSHEV CLAIMS TO HAVE URGED SCOTT TO CONSIDER RE-PLACING GIERMANN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SCOTT REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY PRESENT PLANS TO RELIEVE GIERMANN, BUT SHOULD GIERMANN " DECIDE" TO LEAVE, SCOTT WOULD PREFER THAT VACATED POSITION BE FILLED BY US OR USSR. SCOTT ASKED WHETHER VAKHRUSHEV HAD ANY SUGGESTIONS IN SUCH EVENT, TO WHICH VAKHRUSHEV REPLIED THAT USSR HAS NO CANDIDATE IN MIND, AND HE THOUGHT US CANDIDATE WOULD BE BEST. USSR WOULD " ABSOLUTELY" SUPPORT CANDIDATE IF STRON US INDIVIDUAL COULD BE FOUND, HE ADDED.

VAKHRUSHEV TOLD SCIATT THAT HE FELT GIERMANN WAS " COMPLETELY IRRESPONSIBLE AND USELESS" AND THAT THE US AND USSR SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO HAVE GIERMANN REMOVED. SINCE HE FEELS SCOTT WOULD NOT OPPOSE ANY SUCH EFFORT, VAKHRUSHEV SUGGESTS THAT US AND USSR SHOULD MOUNT CONCERTED EFFORT AT MAY MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND/ OR AT JULY MEETING OF UNESCO NATIONAL COMMISSION TO HAVE GIERMANN REMOVED. " WE SHOULD BEGIN FIGHT NOW," HE ADDED.

4. STAFFING OF SECRETARIAT: SCOTT REPORTED COMPLETE SATIS-FACTION AND VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING " GRADES" ON PERFORMANCE: TOLKACHEV - EXCELLENT; MAMAYEV - VERY GOOD; THOMPSON - VERY GOOD.

SCOTT INTENDS TO PROMOTE TOLKACHEV FROM P-4 TO P-5 IN PREPARATION FOR REPLACING THOMPSON WHEN LATTER LEAVES IN OCTOBER, 1973. SCOTT REGRETS DEPARTURE OF THOMPSON, WHO HE CLAIMS IS LEAVING FOR " PERSONAL REASONS," BUT SINCE THOMPSON IS LEAVING, SCOTT " RESOLUTELY" WANTS TOLKACHEV TO REPLACE HIM. SCOTT SAID THAT " UNFORTUNATELY" THERE WOULD BE NO AMERICANS LEFT ON SECRETARIAT AFTER THOMPSON LEAVES AND HE WANTS AMERICAN TO FILL TOLKACHEV VACANCY. VAKHRUSHEV TOLD SCIATT THAT, IN GENERAL, HE FAVORS TOLKACHEV TAKING THOMPSON' S VACANCY AND HAVING US FILL PRESENT TOLKACHEV POSITION. HOW-EVER, IF US WANTS AMERICAN TO REPLACE THOMPSON, USSR WILL SUPPORT THAT REQUEST AND TELL TOLKACHEV TO STAY PUT.

VAKHRUSHEV CLAIMS THAT IT WAS AT SCOTT' S REQUEST THAT

MAMAYEV EXTENDED HIS CONTRACT FOR TWO YEARS AND THAT, IN

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PRINCIPLE, VAKHRUSHEV HAS NO REPEAT NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS EXTENSION. (VAKHRUSHEV DID NOT MENTION TO SCOTT EXISTENCE OF FEELING IN SOME QUARTERS THAT MAMAYEV WAS NOT PERFORMING VERY WELL.) HOWEVER, VAKHRUSHEV CONFIDED TO SCIATT THAT HE " KNOWS MAMAYEV' S BUSINESS BETTER THAN MAMAYEV" AND KNOWS THAT MAMAYEV W
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